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- During the last two weeks of December 1948, employees at the LEK Pharmaceutical and Research Plant in Ljubljana worked on a twenty-four hour schedule in order to meet the production quotas set for the year 1948. Although 104 percent of the production quota was realized, drugs manufactured during the month of December 1948 were not shipped in January 1949 as scheduled because the Cardboard Paper Mill in Ljubljana failed to supply shipping cases ordered by the LEK plant. As a result of delays in shipment and poor storage conditions, large quantities of panopim decomposed.
- Three new drug manufacturing machines (tabletski stroji), ordered from the Skoda works in Czechoslovakia during 1947, arrived at the LEK plant in December 1948 but, in February 1949, had not yet been installed for operation. These machines may be adjusted to operate one, two or three stamps (pecat) and can produce a total of 6,500 tablets per hour.
- Since December 1948, the production of this plant has been rapidly decreasing because of shortages of essential raw materials. In January 1949, the plant's stocks of lead acetate, panopim powder, and streptomycin were completely exhausted. At the end of January only 100 pounds of sodium bicarbonate were on hand and glycerine, which had been ordered from the Fliva pharmaceutical plant in Zagreb, had not been received. The LEK plant also suffered from a shortage of ampules for hypodermic injection liquids, and of wheat and corn, used as solidifying ingredients in the manufacture of certain drugs.
- workers at the LEK plant turn out on an average hourly rate, 300 capsules, 500 bottles of syrups, 300 ampules of injection liquids or 300 sealed capsules. There are an unusual number of accidents in this plant  attributes to a lack of security precautions. At the same time, workers consistently sabotage plant operations by simple methods such as placing an excessive amount of liquid glue on cases of drugs packed for shipment, causing the drugs to mold.
- During the month of January 1949, the following items were manufactured at the LEK plant in Ljubljana:

Drugs: \* aspirin, amidopyrine, anacot, astmofilin, anacyd, belalumol, buron,

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beladin, codeine, caffeine, cofepirin, animal charcoal, calcipot, calcium carbonate, ephedrine, formicot,\* formaldehyde, hipnal, calium hypermanganate, codeine phosphate, luminal, morphine, sodium carbonate, sodium benzoate, apispamin, purgol, pyramidon, pentasol, secaline, quinine, streptazol, streptosil.

Syrups: creosote lactici, tonicum-gumpro, jecocytrol, laxal, efetusin.

Capsules: castor oil

Products for Hypodermic Injections: ammonium chlorate, amidopyrine, astmofilinum, beladin, codeine, phosphate, codeine benzoate, codeine hydrochloride, caffeine hydrochloride, calcium carbonate, ephedrine hydrochloride, ephedrine chloride, hipnal, morphine hydrochloride, morphine chloride, sodium carbonate, sodium benzoate, streptoclanol, secaline, quinine hydrochloride.

Miscellaneous Products: iron chloride, opodeldon, laxal emulsion, aromatic tincture of iron, belladonna extract.

6. The Institute of Pharmaceutical Research operated by the LEK plant in Ljubljana is located in the building of the Poljanska secondary school on Poljanska street. All chemicals and medicaments are analyzed by the Institute which has two laboratories, one for the analysis of medicaments and chemicals, and one where properties of inflammable products such as ether, petrol and alcohol are studied. The chief of the Institute, Marijan Dorer, is a chemical engineer and a recognized expert on industrial chemistry. Dorer inspects most of the drugs prepared by Dr. Koch of the LEK plant in Menges.\*\* Dorer is married, has three children, and lives at the LEK plant on 135b Celovska street. [redacted] is 25X1  
opposed to the present regime in Yugoslavia. Another chemical expert at the Institute is Professor Miroslav Pirs who was a member of the "Catholic Action" and the Clerical Slovene Athletic Association (Zveza Fantovskih Odeskov) before Dusan Rozman and other Domobranci officers. The leader of the Communist Party and UDB unit in the LEK plant is one Vincenc Brank, a member of Tito's partisans since 1942, who has only administrative duties at Lek. He is described as 30 years old, of medium height, thin unshaven face, and in poor health. Two sisters, Marija Ozimic, a pharmacist, and Metka Ozimic, a chemical engineer, are employed in the laboratory. [redacted] both women are anti-Communist. In addition there are two chemical engineers, both Serbian women, and three laboratory assistants.

\* [redacted] Comment: [redacted] many of the 25X1  
products listed, e.g. "formicot", appear to be commercial trade names.

\*\* [redacted] Comment: Dr. Koch, a German scientist, was reported [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] to be in charge of the production of pharmaceutical  
drugs at the LEK factory in Menges.

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